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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN TAKES PART IN SENIOR EXPO

Suffolk County Veterans and Seniors Committee Chairman discusses Silver Alert and Emergency Preparedness.



(From left to right) Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta, NYS Senator Carl Marcellino, Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern and U.S. Rep. Steve Israel at a Senior Citizens Exposition at the Huntington Senior Center Oct. 24.

HUNTINGTON, NY – Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16th L.D), Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, addressed community members during a Senior Citizen Exposition held at the Huntington Senior Center October 24, 2014.

During the event, which took place days before the second anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, Legislator Stern explained Suffolk County programs in place to protect seniors, including the “Prepared to Protect Our Most Vulnerable Act,” which he authored and was passed in 2012. The Act requires nursing homes and assisted living facilities to file written emergency preparedness and evacuation plans with the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, (FRES). It also enables first responders to identify locations where special assistance might be needed in the event of fire, power failures, flooding or other natural disasters.

Legislator Stern also emphasized the importance of personal preparation for storms and other serious weather events, and encouraged those with limited mobility to sign up for the County's Emergency Preparedness registry. With this Registry, first Responders are easily able to identify and locate those individuals with limited mobility or other special needs, so that they can be assisted.

Suffolk County's Silver Alert is another program that works to protect our seniors, Legislator Stern explained. Like an Amber Alert, information is posted on highway signs to alert the public when a person with Alzheimer's or another cognitive disorder is reported missing.

"Protecting all of our residents, especially our seniors, is one of my most important priorities. Our seniors have built our communities into the places we are proud to call home today and I am proud to continue a long legacy of protecting them here in Suffolk County," Legislator Stern said.

To sign up for the Emergency Preparedness Registry, visit <https://oemapps.suffolkcountyny.gov/spns/>.

To register for Suffolk County's Silver Alert, visit <http://apps.suffolkcountyny.gov/police/communityoutreachSilverAlert.htm>.